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DECLARATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SELF CONTAINED STERILIZABLE ENDOSCOPE**, the specification of which was filed on **September 30, 2003** as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/676,046**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

PRIOR APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any US provisional listed below:

Application Number

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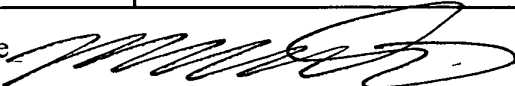
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